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Hi Deb,

We would like to submit the attached support letters to be made part of the public record.

Thank you,

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



JANET T. MILLS
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HEATHER JOHNSON
COMMISSIONER

February 25, 2020

Tom Ross
1787 Capital
4023 Kennett Pike #430
Wilmington, DE 19807

Dear Mr. Ross,

On behalf of the State of Maine, please accept this letter of support of the efforts to redevelop the ski area at Big Moose Mountain into a four-season resort complex.

As a rural state, we know it's vital to build a strong outdoor recreation brand that will attract new businesses to our communities, encourage healthy lifestyles, and grow our economy. Outdoor recreation is a leading sector in Maine's economy and it has the potential to go even further with the right investment. Outdoor recreation makes up 4.8% of Maine's economy, more than double the national average. Maine's outdoor recreation companies are innovative, sustainable and inspired by our world-class outdoor recreation assets.

Outdoor recreation is a vehicle to bring together the public and private sectors to leverage our abundant natural assets. It supports public health and offers an incredible quality of life for us all. In fact, a growing body of research suggests that investments in outdoor recreation infrastructure and programming could significantly improve educational outcomes for students of all ages including attention and test scores, retention and high school graduation rates. It also shows that these investments in outdoor recreation lower long-term individual and public health care costs by reducing stress and obesity rates, improving physical fitness and strengthening social bonds with family and friends.

In light of the above, we applaud and fully support your efforts to partner with other Maine entities to acquire and redevelop the ski area at Big Moose Mountain.

Sincerely yours,

Heather Johnson
Commissioner



MOOSEHEAD LAKE
Economic Development Corporation

February 10, 2020

Perry Williams
Big Lake Development Co., LLC
P.O. Box 390
Spruce Head, Me. 04859

Dear Mr. Williams,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation (Moosehead Lake EDC), please accept this letter of support of the efforts to redevelop the ski area at Big Moose Mountain into a four-season resort complex.

Since our creation in 2013, The Moosehead Lake EDC has aggressively implemented and supported several initiatives focused on enhancing the economy of the Moosehead Lake Region. One of these is our support for a fully revitalized ski resort at Big Moose Mountain.

As articulated in the Roger Brooks Branding study and our regional Master Plan, the successful revitalization of this ski resort facility is critical to the future economy of the Moosehead Lake Region. It's very clear that the disinvestment in the existing facility over the past twenty years has certainly been detrimental to a robust and economically sustainable community.

In light of the above, we applaud and fully support your efforts to partner with other Maine entities to acquire and redevelop the resort complex.

Sincerely yours,

Steve

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven H. Levesque".

Steven Levesque
President

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November 11th, 2020

Perry Williams
Big Lake Development Co., LLC
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Dear Mr. Williams,

On behalf of the citizens of House District #119, please accept this letter of support of your efforts to redevelop the ski area at Big Moose Mountain into a four-season resort complex.

Maine's \$2.9 billion outdoor recreation industry ranks among the country's top five in terms of its contribution to the State's economy, and supported more than 40,000 jobs in 2019 providing more than \$1.4 billion in compensation. The latest figures show that outdoor recreation makes up 4.2% of Maine's economy.

Piscataquis County is undergoing a shift from the timber industry to the tourism industry. The re-development of this once popular ski area can and will be the linchpin to the regions economic future. Innovative, meaningful, and sustainable economic diversification is critical to this transformation.

I understand that EMDC has the ability to assist this project with the CARES Act funds it has received. These funds, at this time, will make an enormous positive benefit to this project, the Town of Greenville, and the entire Highlands region.

In light of the above, I applaud and fully support the efforts of Big Lake Development Company to partner with other Maine entities to acquire and redevelop the ski area at Big Moose Mountain.

Sincerely,

Paul Stearns
Maine House District #119

District 119 Abbot, Beaver Cove, Bowerbank, Greenville, Guilford, Monson, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Willimantic plus the unorganized territories of Blanchard Township, Northeast Piscataquis (including Barnard and Elliottsville Townships) and Northwest Piscataquis

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TOWN of *Greenville* MAINE

October 1, 2020

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Town of Greenville, I am writing this in support of revitalizing Big Moose Mountain Ski area in Big Moose Township, by the Big Lake Development Company, LLC.

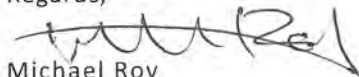
Big lake Development Company is currently in the process of purchasing the mountain property adjacent to Greenville and Moosehead Lake. Big Lake Development Company has a plan to revitalize the Ski Mountain into a four season destination. This area is a beautiful and scenic area with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding mountains.

Currently, there is a Grass-roots organization; Friends of Squaw Mountain, that has worked to open the lower half of the Mountain for Skiing. This past fall the Friends of Squaw Mountain had their highest attendance since their endeavor started in 2012. The efforts of this organization have proven the desire of reopening the mountain.

This revitalization of this Four Season Destination will add value to our community for year-round and seasonal residents and visitors alike. Increased visitors would increase foot traffic to our downtown restaurants and shops. This economic boost for the Town of Greenville and Piscataquis County would be welcomed and provide hundreds of year round jobs, bring families to the area and increase our schools enrollment. Alongside other projects which are currently in progress; this will bring many new businesses to the area, all from the ripple effect of the new development of the Mountain. It's easy to see that our region is positioned well for the future.

It is highly important that we have a shared vision for the future of our region, both in terms of economic and in terms of our lifestyle here. Over the last few years, Big Lake Development Company has worked to gather the perspectives of stakeholders who live here, work here, and vacation here. We all want the Moosehead Lake region to be a place that is economically sustainable - economically innovative, even without compromising the heritage and character of the place we love. That's why I'm so thrilled with the work of Big Lake Development Company and its efforts to bring life back to this beautiful area. The Town of Grenville looks forward to this amazing opportunity and encourages your support of this project.

Regards,



Michael Roy

Town Manager

Town of Greenville



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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 24, 2020

Lee Umphrey
President & CEO
Eastern Maine Development Corporation
40 Harlow Street
Bangor, ME 04401

Dear Lee,

We write regarding the Moosehead Lake Ski Resort project as you evaluate projects to support with the federal Economic Development Administration funds awarded to Eastern Maine Development Corporation. The Moosehead Lake Ski Resort project seeks to acquire and redevelop a ski area in Greenville, Maine

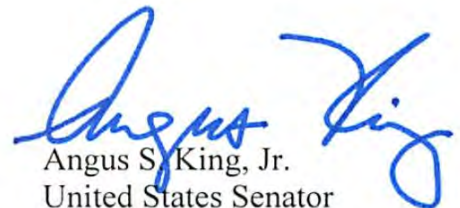
With a focus on generating economic growth and opportunity in Piscataquis County, the acquisition of the existing ski area and associated marina site on Moosehead Lake will allow for critical upgrades to be made to the existing dormant property and its amenities. Greenville and the surrounding communities have been working hard to develop and implement strategies to generate much-needed economic activity in the region, and we hope that this project helps achieve that goal. This project has the potential to attract visitors from all over to experience Maine's natural beauty and recreational offerings while promoting prosperity in the area.

We ask that you give the Moosehead Lake Ski Resort Project proposal appropriate consideration, subject to all applicable laws and regulations. Should you have any questions regarding the proposal, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Woodcock (Collins) at (207) 945-0417 or Adam Lachman (King) (202) 224-5344.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



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November 17, 2020

Mr. Perry Williams
Big Lake Development Co., LLC
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Dear Mr. Williams,

I write on behalf of the Forest Society of Maine (FSM), a non-profit land trust serving Maine's North Woods, to support the efforts to redevelop the ski area at Big Moose Mountain for four season recreational activities. FSM made a commitment nearly two decades ago to have an active presence in the Moosehead Lake region, when FSM took on the 282,000-acre West Branch easement and a 4,000-acre easement on Big Spencer Mountain. This presence was strengthened with the addition of the 359,000-acre Moosehead Lake Region Conservation Easement and the opening of a satellite office in Greenville in 2011.

I have served on the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation and through that work and our many connections with the greater Greenville community, we have seen the negative impacts of having the ski area closed for a few years. The efforts of a largely volunteer group have brought some life back to the ski area but the full potential of a fully operational ski and multi-season resort have not yet been realized.

Over the past few years, a number of regional planning efforts by nationally renowned firms have emphasized the importance of having a four-season resort on Big Moose Mountain. I have observed you and your team move forward with plans to revitalize the ski area and to broaden the services to include activities for all seasons. This will provide an enormous boost to the region that has struggled for decades to maintain a vibrant local economy. FSM believes this is not only compatible with, but complimentary to, the hundreds of thousands of acres of conserved forestland in the greater Moosehead Lake region. Together, these attributes are a signature calling card and merit the moniker, "America's Crown Jewel."

Warm regards,



Karin Tilberg
President/CEO



A statewide land trust working to conserve and maintain the many values of forestlands in Maine